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## Germany Instigates A Peace Proposal

### Neutral Country Offers Mediation

Will Not be Considered Unless Accompanied By Session of Subma

#### STATE DEPARTMENT UNINTERESTED

Washington, March 23.—A neutral European nation has offered her services as mediator to prevent open war between the United States and Germany. Such a proposal is regarded here as nothing other than another scheme fostered by Germany with the hope of confusing the issue and possibly dividing sentiment in this country while the destruction of American lives and ships on the high sea continues.

At the State Department officials would neither deny nor confirm that the government already had been approached on the subject, although it was admitted informally that some such move was not unexpected. It was very emphatically stated that no suggestion of mediation or discussion would be considered unless it was accompanied by abandonment of illegal assaults upon American shipping, a course which there is no reason for believing the imperial government is giving a thought.

The feeling in all quarters here is the United States has with infinite patience and forbearance done everything possible with honor to avoid the virtual state of war now existing through German aggression. So long as this aggression continues, officials say there is nothing to do but adopt measures of defense, and no basis exists for discussion.

### Another U. S. Ship Torpedoed

LONDON, March 22.—The American steamer Healdton has been torpedoed, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Central News.

A boat containing seven of the Healdton's crew has reached Terscelling (North Sea), the dispatch adds.

The sinking of the American steamer Healdton is confirmed by a Renter dispatch from the Hague.

Consul Mahin reports the loss of 20 members of the crew. WASHINGTON, March 23.—American Consul Mahin at Amsterdam cabled the State Department that the American steamer Healdton, sunk by a submarine Wednesday off Terscelling, Holland, was torpedoed without warning and that twenty of the crew were drowned. The consul's dispatch follows:

"Standard Oil ship Healdton, from Philadelphia for Rotterdam, cargo oil, torpedoed without warning 8:15 evening of 21st, 25 miles north of Terscelling, Holland. Twenty of crew drowned. One died of injuries. Others taken to North Holland. Submarines seen after torpedoing. More details to follow."

#### NEBRASKA CHURCHES PLAN TO REPLACE SALOONS WITH COFFEE HOUSES

(BY UNITED PRESS) Lincoln, March 23.—Religious societies in Nebraska towns and cities are planning to open coffee houses to take the place of the saloons, which will be banished by edict of the voters May 1.

Omaha churches will try out the coffee house idea and if it is successful they will scatter a number of them all over the city. The plan is to make the coffee house a social club for laboring men such as they now have in the saloons. Coffee and sandwiches are to be furnished cheap and the men encouraged to make the places clubrooms.

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILD LABOR MEETS IN BALTIMORE

(BY UNITED PRESS) Baltimore, March 23.—Child labor opponents from all over the United States met here today for the Thirteenth annual conference on child labor.

One of the important features of the conference will be a discussion of how much of an obstacle child labor is to social reform. This question will be discussed by B. Howell Griswold of Baltimore. Miss Julia C. Lathrop of the Federal Children's Bureau at Washington, Dr. D. Carlos de Pena, Minister from Uruguay and Miss Anna Davis.

### Congress To Meet On April 2nd

Clark And Kitchin in Capitol Arranging For Session of House

#### DEMOCRATS PROBABLY IN CONTROL

The President's proclamation follows: "Whereas public interest require that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock noon, on the second day of April 1917 to receive a communication concerning grave matters of national policy which should be taken immediately under consideration.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the Capitol in the City of Washington on the second day of April, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members thereof are hereby required to take notice.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the United States of America, the 21st day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States the 141st."

Washington, March 23.—Speaker Clark and Majority Leader Kitchin of the House of Representatives, will arrive here today to take charge of the contest for the Democrats over the organization of the House. Representative Hull, of Tennessee, has been organizing the Democratic forces for the fight, which will begin April 2, when Congress convenes at the call of the President. He said that Mr. Clark will be re-elected Speaker and Mr. Kitchin Leader. He would not give the names of those outside of the Democratic organization he depends on for the additional votes needed to continue his party control, but from a careful review of the situation, and a poll of the independents he is confident of victory.

A patriotic appeal is being made to Representatives London, Socialist, of New York, Martin, Progressive Republican, Louisiana; Randall, Prohibitionist, California; Fuller, Independent, Republican, Massachusetts, and Schall, Progressive, Minnesota, to support the Democratic administration. Many of their constituents, it was learned by leading Democrats here today, are urging them to vote for Speaker Clark and the other members of the old House organization so that there will be no division of responsibility for the management of legislation in Congress at the coming session.

Washington, March 23.—Insults added to previous injuries by German submarines is found in the sinking of the American tank steamer Healdton which has added more Americans to the list of the nations dead.

The administration is now convinced that Germany's course of ruthless submarine warfare will hasten actual warfare which is now regarded as unavoidable.

#### IT IS RUMORED THAT GERMANY HAS DECLARED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES BUT TO TIME OF GOING TO PRESS NO SUCH INFORMATION CAN BE CONFIRMED BY THE UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

Lausseno, Switzerland, March 23.—Germany has sent many captives to the front lines of battle as a reprisal according to a statement issued by the International Red Cross today.

Washington, D. C. March 23.—The navy will recall to active service large numbers of retired officers it is announced today.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—Jews will be admitted to the public schools by the new Russian government is the report that has come to hand today from the United States Ambassador Francis at Petrograd.

### French Inflict Stinging Defeat

PARIS, March, 23.—While fresh forces pressed forward north of Soissons other masses of French inflicted a stinging defeat on the Germans north of Soissons driving them back with very heavy losses to Grand Seracourt.

### News From The State Capitol

National Guard Being Mustered Out Of Service

#### TRAINING CAMPS ADVOCATED

RALEIGH, N. C., March 22.—Following the several conflicting orders the authorities at Washington have been issuing the past several days, the Third N. C. Regiment, National Guard, coming in from the Mexican border tonight, will be encamped tomorrow at the State Fair Grounds here for the process of being formally mustered out of service for the present—unless an other order is issued meanwhile to change the situation.

Raleigh is planning to have the regiment reviewed by the Adjutant General (Gov. Bickett being out of the city) Saturday and for a parade and drill at the fair grounds Sunday.

The Second N. C. Regiment which, after many vexatious delays, at last has entrained in Texas and started for home, is expected to reach Goldsboro soon and pitch its tents there for disbandment.

The training secured by the troops is the most important result of service on the border and will stand them in good stead if they are again called to the colors soon.

A local branch of the U. S. Military Training Camps Association has just been formed here, for the purpose of recruiting civilians for the military training camp to be held at Plattsburg, N. Y., next summer, where some 50,000 men will assemble for military training—with the ultimate object of "universal training and equal service." Meanwhile the activities of the Navy show that Uncle Sam is going to take a shot at the submarine pirates of Germany which is expected to become more effective than diplomatic notes and official protests. Preparations on a stupendous scale are under way in the Navy.

### Germany Furnished Spies Bond Money

New York, March 23.—An alleged admission that money for the establishment of a bomb factory in Hoboken, N. J., was furnished direct from officials of the German embassy at Washington was read today when the trials were begun here of six men charged with having attempted to create a reign of terror on the high seas by destroying vessels sailing from American ports with cargoes for the entente allies.

The defendants are Captain Charles von Klet, a chemist, who is accused of having been engaged in the making of the bombs; Karl Schmidt, formerly chief engineer of the steamship Friedrich Der Grosse; Ernest Becker, electrician, and Frederick Karbade, Geo. Praedel and Wilhelm Parades, assistant engineers of the same vessel.

#### JORN, METROPOLITAN OPERA TENOR, REFUSES CALL TO KAISER'S OPERA

(BY UNITED PRESS) NEW YORK, March 23.—Karl Edward Heinrich Jorn, German tenor of the Metropolitan Opera here, will not respond to Kaiser Wilhelm's personal request that he return to Berlin and join the Royal Opera there. Instead he will go before the United States court here next week and ask his first American citizenship papers, he said today.

"It is true," said Jorn "that I have received a call from the Royal Opera, sent at the Kaiser's request, but I shall not respond to it. I am an American at heart and want to become one in fact. I have my first and second papers and hope to get my final ones next week." Jorn's wife and children are still in Berlin.

#### HUMAN SOUL DEVELOPMENT CO., A FAILURE, DISSOLVED TODAY

(BY UNITED PRESS) DETROIT, Mich., March 22.—The Human Soul Development corporation of Detroit dissolved today. Its only asset—a little girl, is adrift in Toronto's underworld and the corporation is a failure.

The company was organized a year ago to redeem the soul of pretty 17-year old Christine Nielson, whom force of circumstances had compelled to the easiest way.

A newspaper story telling of the girl a waif, was held by federal authorities caused four well known business men, Joseph P. Mason, James S. Holden, H.

A. Douglas and William McCredie, to meet with Federal Judge Tuttle and form the Human Soul Development Corporation. They were to educate the girl in Canada and start her on the right path in Detroit later.

Christine lived with a minister in Chatham, Ontario, went to school worked hard and made progress. Then somehow her fellow students learned her history. They sneezed. Christine's newly made friends dropped her.

Christine fought a losing battle for months. Then she disappeared. A postal card to the Human Soul Development Corporation from her advised she had obtained employment in Toronto and needed no more help.

A representative of the Corporation found Christine in Toronto's underworld, miserable and despondent. She refused to return. So the Human Soul Development Corporation closed its books.

#### BAILEY-CARTWRIGHT

An item of local interest appeared in the Washington Post and the Norfolk Ledger Dispatch announcing the engagement of Rev. Floyd Cartwright, recently assistant rector of Trinity church, but now rector at Beaufort, N. C., to Miss Mary B. Bailey, of Washington, D. C. The wedding is to take place April 19th.

#### WIRELESS DETECTIVE

MARION, March 23.—Introducing the wireless detective. The Marion county Fish and Game protective association plans a series of wireless stations all over the county to trap violators of the fish and game laws.